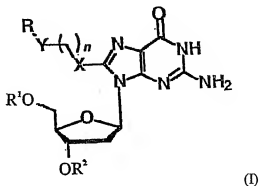


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A nucleoside, a nucleotide or an oligonucleotide containing a moiety thereof represented by the following formula (I)



[[[C]]wherein X and Y independently represent $-O-$, $-NH-$, $-N(\text{alkyl})-$ or $-S-$; R represents a functional unit, a reporter unit or a biofunctional molecule; R^1 and R^2 independently represent a hydrogen atom, a phosphate bonding group, a phosphoramidite group or a nucleotide; and n is a number of 1 to 10[D]].

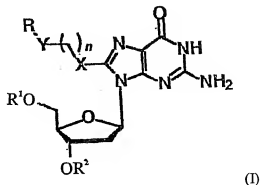
2. (Currently Amended) The nucleoside, the nucleotide or the oligonucleotide containing thereof according to claim 1, wherein n is 2, and X and Y ~~[[is]]~~are $-NH-$.

3. (Currently Amended) The nucleoside, the nucleotide or the oligonucleotide containing thereof according to claim 1, wherein R is a fluorescence residue.

4. (Original) The oligonucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the oligonucleotide contains 10 to 100 bases.

5. (Currently Amended) The oligonucleotide according to claim 4, wherein the oligonucleotide is ~~[[a]]~~ double-stranded and contains at least one base having an electron-donating group in a complementary chain.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of releasing the R group moiety in the nucleotide moiety represented by the following formula (I)



[[I]] wherein X and Y independently represent $-O-$, $-NH-$, $-N(\text{alkyl})-$ or $-S-$; R represents a functional unit, a reporter unit or a biofunctional molecule; R^1 and R^2 independently represent a hydrogen atom, a phosphate bonding group, or a phosphoramidite group; and n is a number of 1 to 10[[D]].

~~the method comprising oxidizing the oligonucleotide according to claim 1 by oxidation of the oligonucleotide according to claim 1.~~

7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the oxidation is one-electron donation.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the oxidation is by photoirradiation.